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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING-GUN RANGE
APPROVED MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Linda Forwerck,-X, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow-X, Clerk Terry Street-X, Trustee Elizabeth Pearson-Absent, Dawn Zimmerman-X.
Quorum Established.

Also Present- Chris Forsythe, Chris Clark, Mack

Conflict of Interest – None

Citizen Comment-None

Order of Business

Grand Traverse County -Gun Range/Brownfield; Chris Forsythe discussed what Brownfield is about LBRF = Local Brownfield Revolving Fund, up front funding for projects. Not capturing Township money, but would be able to in the future.

Mack discussed the extraordinary costs of redevelopment and lead abatements.

Capturing tax forgiveness -school held harmless of taxes can capture state dollars.

Shared a Chart of Tax Capture. Percentage of state grant over time.

The Grand Traverse County has a contract with the Land Bank, County intends to utilize and expand the Eastern portion. The Land qualifies as eligible property due to the lead and abandonment.

Forwerck questioned the revolving fund ability to use full amount up front.

Chris Clark discussed some of the Gun Range details including berm work and shooting in two ranges simultaneously.

Mack said 2022 for capture of funding it is limited to 15 years for development. After 15 years taxes go to State and Local. If a developer, there would have to be an amendment to the plan. The whole property as part of the plan to Brownfield, is approximately 160 acres. No development on the ponds and there may be other public benefits and/or eligible activities.

The property is eligible as “Blighted” sharing a second chart as Chart of Activity Costs. \$200,000 plus environmental and nonenvironmental costs. A third chart capturing Taxes and Revenues.

Brownfield Authority and County Commissioners showed a General Brownfield Plan Summary.
Forwerck asked -Cannot extend Brownfield.

County can dip into the LBRF-hence Brownfield project-gun range

Street shared concerns about the impact gun range will have on nearby neighbors; including property value, peace and tranquility, inability to sell property.

Street asked Chris Clark if the volume of shooting will increase- Clark stated the range has been in use since 2011, difference being 2 ranges will be in use simultaneously.

Forwerck made **Motion** to go into closed session with Township Attorney Millar, Zimmerman Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Pearson-Absent. 4-Yes, 1-Absent, **Motion Carried**. Closed Session began 7:08 pm.

Forwerck made **Motion** to open the closed session, Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Zimmerman- Yes, Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Absent. 4-Yes, 1-Absent, **Motion Carried**.

Out of Closed Session 7:35 pm.

Forwerck commented on the public outreach already mentioned to County Officials. Berming and other acoustical engineering for noise impact.

Chris Forsythe would like to get together do some brain storming for the RFP process.

Citizen Comment

McGough added communication is key.

Adjournment

Forwerck made **Motion** to Adjourn, Sorrow Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Draft Minutes for January 27, 2020 Special Meeting- Gun Range, prepared by Leigh Gifford, Recording Secretary.